

**Superintendent Horne's Arts Education Initiative**  
**Promising Practices**  
September, 2005

This form may be used to nominate a promising practice from your school site. If chosen:

- the practice will be placed on the AZ Department of Education's web-site
- your site will receive a certificate of acknowledgment
- your site will be invited to present at the Department's Spotlights on Success conference in May, 2006

**What is a Promising Practice in Arts Education Integration?**

The Department would like to capture the best of what is happening at your school site because of your arts education integration initiative. We are defining a promising practice as one that does at least one of the following:

- a. improves student learning (in the arts and elsewhere in the curriculum)
- b. improves student access to quality arts experiences
- c. improves the quality of teaching in your classrooms through professional development or other opportunities that help teachers integrate the arts with other subject areas
- d. sustains arts education integration opportunities beyond the life of the initiative. This can include funding to support the arts, as well as school or district level policies regarding the importance of arts education and arts integration

**Does a Promising Practice have to incorporate all aspects of our Initiative project or projects?**

No. A promising practice may highlight an entire project, or focus in on areas where success was the highest.

**How does a site prove it has a Promising Practice?** We encourage you to document your success through both quantitative and qualitative means. Quantitative could include attendance figures, achievement scores, or results of teacher surveys. Qualitative can include student and teacher quotes/stories, as well as a description of your practice.

**Nomination Process**

1. Please fill out the following form complete and return it electronically to: [atrujil@ade.az.gov](mailto:atrujil@ade.az.gov)
2. Form deadlines:        Fall nomination: Friday, November 4  
                                 Spring nomination: Friday, April 7
3. Received nominations will be reviewed by ADE and Arts Education Initiative participants via an open peer review process (i.e. not anonymous) in November, 2005 and April, 2006.
  - a. Invitations to participate in the review process will be forthcoming. Nominees will not review their own nomination.
4. Nominees will receive notification of their nomination's outcome (accepted, accepted pending revisions, rejected), along with panel comments, within 2 weeks of the nomination review.
5. Each participating site must submit one promising practice during the course of the year
6. Each site may submit more than one promising practice if they so desire

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Promising Practices Nomination Form 2005-2006**

**School Information**

Name of School:	School CTDS:
School Administrator/Principal:	Main School Contact for Arts Education Initiative:
Technical Assistance Provider:	Contact's Phone:
	Contact's E-mail:
	Contact's Position at the school (e.g. visual arts teacher):

**Promising Practice Category**

Please choose which category best describes your nomination. If your nomination involves more than one area (which we encourage!), choose the category which is the strongest, in your opinion.

- ☐ Student achievement  
☐ Student access  
☐ Teaching quality  
☐ Sustainability

**Promising Practice Summary**

Please provide the ADE with a *brief* Promising Practice summary.

**Promising Practice Participants**

Grades of participating students	
Number of participating teachers	
Number of participating students	
Ballpark estimate of cost for this promising practice (if applicable):	

**Improves Student Learning**

Describe how your practice improves student learning. Include achievement in the arts (tied to the state standards, if applicable) as well as other academic areas (reading, writing, math, science, etc.).

**Improves Student Access to Quality Arts Experiences**

Describe how your practice improves student access to quality arts experiences. Describe community arts partnerships as appropriate. How does this practice improve/expand upon already existing arts opportunities for your students?

### Improves the Quality of Teaching

Describe how your practice improves teaching via the integration of arts learning into the classroom (or other academic content into arts learning). How does this practice improve/expand upon teaching practices already in place at your school site?

### Sustains Arts Education Integration Opportunities

Describe how your practice can be sustained into the future. This can address future funding needs and/or policies and administrative support.

Return completed form via e-mail to Anne Trujillo at [atrujil@ade.az.gov](mailto:atrujil@ade.az.gov) or via FAX, attention Anne Trujillo at 602/542-3100. **Winter deadline: November 4; Spring deadline: April 7.** Support materials may be sent to Anne Trujillo, AZ Department of Education, 1535 W. Jefferson Ave, Mail Bin #32, Phoenix, AZ 85007.